GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OPEN ACREAGE LICENSING POLICY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to replace the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) by Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to stop NELP-Xth; and

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d). Actions have been initiated to establish the National Data Repository (NDR), which is a pre-requisite for formulation of an Open Acreage Licensing Policy(OALP). No decision on discontinuance of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bid rounds has been taken.